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LETTER DATED 21 OCTOBER 1993 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF AZERBAIJAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you a letter received by fax from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Azerbaijani Republic, Hassan A. Hassanov, addressed to the Chairman of the CSCE Minsk Conference, Mr. Raffaelli, in reply to his letter containing a request to the Azerbaijani side to provide accurate information about the settlements in the Zangelan and Kazakh districts of Azerbaijan occupied by Armenian armed forces.

I should be grateful if you would distribute this letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Yashar T. ALIYEV
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Annex

[Original: Russian]

Letter dated 20 October 1993 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan addressed to the Chairman of the CSCE Minsk Conference on Nagorny Karabakh

In response to your letter of 19 October 1993 I must say that I am surprised that the Minsk Group does not have reliable information about the situation in the occupied zones of the Zangelan and Kazakh districts and the Sadarak district of the Nakhichevan Autonomous Republic.

As you know, all the CSCE missions visiting our country have had their attention repeatedly drawn to the situation in these areas of the Azerbaijani Republic. Furthermore, representatives of embassies accredited in Baku and the United Nations Office there were given an opportunity to visit these zones of the Armenian-Azerbaijani conflict.

I note with astonishment that, as is clear from your letter, the Minsk Group and its Chairman have so far received no information about the glaringly obvious facts of the direct aggression of the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia in districts which do not abut on the Nagorny Karabakh region of the Azerbaijani Republic.

I can inform you that the following villages are occupied in the Zangelan district (the number of inhabitants expelled is given in brackets):

Gazanchy (197), Seidlyar (72), Gyungyshlag (62), Agkend (111), Pirveis (70), Derely (150), Djanbar (60), and Yukhary Kyoyaly (9).

In the Kazakh region: Baganis Airym (424), Barkhudarly (312), Yukhary Askipara (1,014), Sofulu (172), and Kheirimly (212).

In the Sadarak district of the Nakhichevan Autonomous Republic: Kerki (347).

A total of 3,099 refugees have been expelled from the settlements listed above.

I take this opportunity to express the hope for a prompt reply to my earlier letters to you, which set out the position of our country on the Chairman's proposal of 28 September 1993 and our understanding of Security Council resolution 874 (1993).

(Signed) Hassan A. HASSANOV